

# Leading Causes of Death by Age, Massachusetts 2002

	Age Groups (number of deaths)									
Rank*	<1 year	1-14 years	15-24 years	25-44 years	45-64 years	65-74 years	75-84 years	85+ years	All	
1	Short gestation (83)	Unintentional Injuries <b>(30)</b>	Unintentional Injuries <b>(166)</b>	Cancer (427)	Cancer (3,087)	Cancer (3,442)	Heart Disease (4,526)	Heart Disease (6,065)	Heart Disease (14,694)	
2	Congenital malformations (65)	Cancer (24)	Homicide (63)	Injuries of un-determined intent (339)	Heart Disease (1,754)	Heart Disease (2,055)	Cancer (4,494)	Cancer (2,392)	Cancer (13,899)	
3	Maternal Pregnancy Comp. (30)	Congenital malformations (15)	Suicide (53)	Unintentional Injuries <b>(280)</b>	Chronic lower respiratory disease (279)	Chronic lower respiratory disease (556)	Stroke (1,238)	Stroke (1,626)	Stroke (3,557)	
4	Respiratory Distress (21)	Signs and symptoms (12)	Injuries of un-determined intent (53)	Heart Disease (267)	Chronic Liver Disease (275)	Stroke (407)	Chronic lower respiratory disease (1,106)	Influenza & Pneumonia (1,123)	Chronic lower respiratory disease (2,744)	
5	Complications of placenta, cord/membranes (20)	Homicide (11)	Cancer (33)	Suicide (173)	Diabetes (265)	Diabetes (307)	Influenza & Pneumonia (605)	Alzheimer's Disease (969)	Influenza & Pneumonia (2,050)	
6	SIDS (17)	Septicemia	Signs and symptoms (26)	Signs and symptoms (172)	Stroke (239)	Nephritis (192)	Alzheimer's Disease (502)	Chronic lower respiratory disease (770)	Alzheimer's Disease (1,587)	
7	Intrauterine Hypoxia (13)	In situ neoplasms (5)	Heart Disease (15)	HIV/AIDS (101)	Unintentional Injuries <b>(232)</b>	Influenza & Pneumonia (180)	Diabetes (482)	Nephritis (489)	Diabetes (1,418)	
8	Bacterial sepsis (10)	Heart Disease (5)	Congenital malformations (6)	Homicide (74)	Injuries of un-determined intent <b>(177)</b>	Septicemia (175)	Nephritis (449)	Septicemia (333)	Unintentional Injuries <b>(1,411)</b>	
9	Circulatory system (9)	Stroke (5)	Influenza & Pneumonia (4)	Chronic Liver Disease (64)	Septicemia (141)	Unintentional Injuries <b>(121)</b>	Septicemia (324)	Diabetes (318)	Nephritis (1,292)	
10	Birth trauma (7)	Chronic Liver Disease (5)	Septicemia (2)	Diabetes (45)	Suicide, & Signs and symptoms (Tied) (133)	Chronic Liver Disease (113)	Unintentional Injuries <b>(281)</b>	Pneumonitis (316)	Septicemia (1,015)	
<b>All Causes</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>2,490</b>	<b>8,344</b>	<b>8,922</b>	<b>17,262</b>	<b>18,838</b>	<b>56,881</b>	

Data Source: Registry of Vital Records and Statistics, MA Dept. of Public Health; prepared by the Research & Epidemiology Program, MA Dept. of Public Health  
Modified by the Injury Surveillance Program, MA Dept. of Public Health.

\* Ranking based on number of deaths.